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News worth sharing.

Tenants homeless, helpless after blaze

Hardware store basement warehouse contained charcoal, propane, pesticides and fertilizers ● Firefighters say hazardous fumes added to already dangerous situation

SEAN MCKIBBON/METRO

▶ A distraught Sylvia Jackson is comforted by her son, Karl Raycroft, 22. Jackson lived in one of the apartments with her son, her fiancé and two friends. Raycroft said the Red Cross would provide them with emergency accommodations for a few nights. He said he asked the building's owners to find them a place to stay, but had been rebuffed. His landlord, Helene Carter, declined comment yesterday.

Businesses were gutted and about a dozen people turned out of their Beechwood Avenue apartments after a fire in a hardware store basement grew into a blaze that would last most of yesterday and leave a building at the heart of New Edinburgh's commercial district a charred ruin.

"I'm still in a state of shock," said Marc Clement, co-owner of Beechwood Home Hardware, where the fire is believed to have started.

"I have nowhere to go now and I didn't have house insurance."
TENANT SYLVIA JACKSON

His employee, Steve Gravel, was the first to discover the fire, spotting it after smelling smoke in the store's basement lunchroom. He followed the smoke to the basement warehouse and discovered flames in an area that contained charcoal for barbecues.

Gravel emptied a fire extinguisher trying to put out the fire, but had to flee when smoke became too much.

Clement said he and his wife, Isabel Lamarche — who co-owns the business — put more than $100,000 into renovating the store they purchased almost three years ago. They have 17 employees, he said.

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Middle East

Bahrain locked down by soldiers

● Curfew imposed, movement around the country cut off
● Doctors prevented from leaving to treat the wounded
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Wedding bells about to ring for Reese

Details of the secret ceremony
{page 24}

Anti-pedophilia investigation saves hundreds

Scores of children are rescued and 184 suspects arrested in an international bust {page 14}

Citizens urged to flee Japan

Australia, Germany the latest to issue warnings {page 8}

In a summer state of mind?

John Mazerolle on skirt-wearing season-pushers {page 19}

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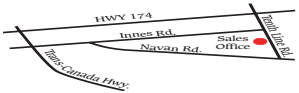

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▶ Firefighters attempt to contain a blaze believed to have originated in the basement of Beechwood Home Hardware. The store's co-owner Marc Clement, inset, could only watch.

MARC DESROSIERS/FOR METRO; INSET: SEAN MCKIBBON/METRO

Fire chokes trendy neighbourhood with clouds of smoke

A fire that started yesterday in New Edinburgh sometime after 10 a.m. continued to burn as afternoon gave way to evening, closing traffic on Beechwood Avenue and filling New Edinbugh with smoke. At least 100 firefighters and 35 fire rigs were called in to fight the blaze, which gutted both Beechwood Home Hardware and Nature's Buzz health-food store, as well as the apartment units above. Heavy equipment was eventually brought in to knock down walls in the affected section of the strip mall, in an attempt to keep the fire from spreading to other businesses.

Lawyers missing holdout workers

- **Union backs freelance court interpreters in their fight for hourly rate increase**
- **Hiring of minimally certified interpreters 'a potential recipe for disaster,' says Ottawa lawyer**

JOE LOFARO
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Some lawyers in Ottawa are concerned about the quality of the city's court interpreters while freelancers continue lobbying for higher hourly rates.

"There are already concerns about the standards for the interpreters and the quality control for them and whether they're certified," said Norm Boxall, former president of the Defence Counsel Association of Ottawa.

He said the situation could get worse if interpreters refuse to work for less than $35 an hour.

Ottawa lawyer Leonardo Russomanno said that he is satisfied with his experience with Spanish-speaking interpreters, but the lack of a Vietnamese interpreter delayed one of his cases.

Ontario Ministry of the Attorney General spokesperson Kristen Rose said in a statement that if an interpreter is unavailable the ministry will seek others but said that there has not been a spike in hiring out-of-town interpreters in Ottawa.

This is not simple work, and people's guilt or innocence hinders on the work that (interpreters) do."
DAVID BOSVELD, ORGANIZING DIRECTOR, CWA

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Clarification

Yesterday's story about the Meds Check program mischaracterized pharmacist Lisa Reny as being concerned that patients are taking drugs to prevent illness more frequently now than in the past. In fact, Reny merely recognizes that today's treatment and prevention strategies present patients with an unprecedented number of opportunities for drug interactions, and that the Meds Check program's aim is to ensure that all the components of patients' pharmaceutical treatments are working together correctly.

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▶ Dave Brubeck and his Quartet perform with the National Arts Centre Orchestra at the 2010 TD Ottawa International Jazz Festival.

Jazz Festival gets grant

- 2010 festival saw an increase in attendance of 11.5 per cent to 292,000 people
- Festival officials to announce this year's lineup on April 13 at the NAC

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The provincial government kicked in $395,000 yesterday for this year's TD Ottawa International Jazz Festival — the highest grant the festival has received to date, officials said.

The 31st edition of the festival takes place at Confederation Park from June 23 to July 3 and organizers expect to see attendance in the hundreds of thousands.

Festival officials will announce this year's "unprecedented lineup" on April 13 at 4 p.m. at the National Arts Centre.

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Budget a factor in Tory support: Layton

Accusations against the Conservatives for contempt of Parliament and abuse of election funds could be "a game changer" for the NDP, leader Jack Layton says.

Layton says Tuesday's budget remains a decisive factor in whether his party will continue to keep the Conservatives in power.

The NDP will consider whether to support the budget package regardless of what happens on the contempt file, he said in an interview from Toronto.

But the patience of voters is waning when it comes to Prime Minister Stephen Harper's lack of respect for the House of Commons, he said.

"Any residual benefit of the doubt that people may have been willing to grant ... is rapidly running out," Layton said. "It's a bit of a game-changer that is unfolding now."

He was referring to hearings this week into whether the Conservative government is in contempt of Parliament for refusing to disclose cost estimates for its tough-on-crime agenda, corporate tax cuts and plans to purchase stealth-fighter jets.

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Misuse charges

▶ **Hearings** Compounding the hearings are charges of misusing campaign funds laid against two Tory senators and other Conservative officials.

Police ask for help in finding man

CONTRIBUTED

▶ Michael Pineau

Ottawa police are asking for the public's help in locating an 18-year-old male.

Michael Pineau has been missing since Tuesday evening. He was last seen walking southbound on Chesterton Drive at approximately 11 p.m. on March 15. He is described as white, six-foot-one, weighing 190 pounds with a medium build and short brown hair. He has a mole on his left cheek and was wearing a grey and black winter jacket, blue jeans and hiking boots when last seen.

Anyone with information about Pineau's whereabouts is asked to contact the Ottawa police at 613-236-1222 ext. 7500 or call Crime Stoppers at 613-233-8477 (TIPS) or toll free at 1-800-222-8477.

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Beware of scams: Police

The Ottawa Police Organized Fraud section is warning of an increase in "granny scams" targeting local seniors. Eleven were reported in one weekend, and police believe there may be more victims who haven't come forward. Scammers phone elderly people and pretend to be a grandchild in trouble.

The caller typically tells the victims that he has been arrested or had a car accident outside Ottawa and asks them to wire several thousand dollars for bail or repairs.

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Seniors take in an earful

Centre d'accueil Champlain residents treated to Opera Lyra show

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Opera Lyra's Lyubov Petrova performs the Mad Scene from Lucia di Lammermoor.

"It's to give back to people who have given their lives in various forms for their country, and we're giving something back to them in the form of some art." MALCOLM MCCULLOCH, OPERA LYRA

Ottawa's Opera Lyra debuts its production of Gaetano Donizetti's Lucia di Lammermoor next Saturday at the National Arts Centre, but a sneak preview was given yesterday to some seniors who might never otherwise get a chance to see it.

"These are people that probably could not get out to see operas and concerts and ballets and things, so we're bringing it to them," said Malcolm McCulloch, chair of Opera Lyra's board of directors. STEVE COLLINS

Bureaucrat accused of getting a free ride

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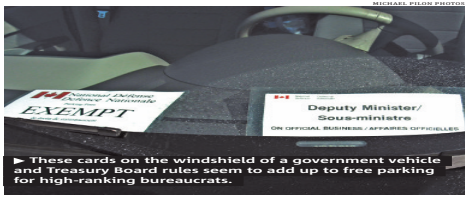

These cards on the windshield of a government vehicle and Treasury Board rules seem to add up to free parking for high-ranking bureaucrats.

Parking at the Central Medical Building on Carling Avenue costs $3.50 for 30 minutes, but not for one recent visitor.

"The parking lot is always full, and everyone pays, including elders and those of various means," said Dr. Michael Pilon, a dentist who works in the building.

Last Tuesday, he spotted an SUV in the lot. Dashboard cards indicated it was assigned to the deputy minister of National Defence, exempt from parking fees and on "official business," though the building offers only medical services.

"It's sort of a let-them-eat-cake attitude," Pilon said.

"We're talking about budget cuts and we've got a guy driving around in a thing the size of a Hummer so he can get to his medical appointment."

A call to National Defence Deputy Minister Rob Fonberg's office was redirected to a departmental spokesperson, who said Treasury Board guidelines allow government executives to use their limos and parking privileges for personal business.

"I find it insulting that one would take advantage of one's role as a representative of our government to get a free ride." MICHAEL PILON, A DENTIST AT THE CENTRAL MEDICAL BUILDING

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Growing number of countries tell their citizens to leave Japan
Death toll to hit 10,000: Officials

Australia and Germany advised their citizens in Japan yesterday to consider leaving Tokyo and earthquake-hit areas, joining a growing number of governments and businesses telling their people to go.

Meanwhile, surging radiation at Japan's Fukushima Dai-ichi nuclear plant forced Japan to order workers to temporarily withdraw from the plant, a setback to efforts to cool its overheating reactors.

Millions of people struggled for a fifth day with little food, water or heat. Police say more than 452,000 people are staying in shelters.

More than 4,300 people are officially listed as dead, but officials believe the toll will climb over 10,000.

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Canada watches

Canada's Foreign Affairs Department says there is no change in its position regarding Canadians in Japan.

- Canada has already issued an advisory against non-essential travel to Japan.
- No evacuation is being planned at present, Canada says. Canadians wishing to leave Japan can do so by commercial means.
- Cirque du Soleil has decided to move its performers and staff working in Japan to Macau, a spokesperson says. Its show ZED has been based at Tokyo Disneyland and the touring KOOZA show was performing at the Fuji Dome in Tokyo.

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Raging tsunami torrents left ships piled up with houses and other debris in this photo taken yesterday in Kesennuma in Japan's Miyagi Prefecture.

World Vision

Japan devastated by quake and tsunami

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Harper reveals the cost of fighting crime

Government releases estimates for its law-and-order agenda Contempt hearings get underway

The Harper government has done an 11th-hour about-face in its showdown with Parliament and released what it says are detailed cost estimates of its law-and-order agenda.

Justice Minister Rob Nicholson said the thick stacks of documents put the cost of anti-crime legislation at $631 million — on top of $2.1 billion already announced for expanded prisons.

The move follows last week's unprecedented rebuke of the minority Conservative government by Commons Speaker Peter Milliken, who ruled that the government breached parliamentary privilege by refusing to fully disclose full cost estimates for its justice agenda, corporate tax cuts and plans to purchase stealth fighter jets.

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▶ A stack of documents sits on a desk at a Parliamentary hearing yesterday.

Yesterday's document dump came as the Commons procedure and House affairs committee began three days of hearings into whether the Harper government and a cabinet minister are in contempt of Parliament. The release may help derail opposition efforts to hold the government in contempt.

The hearings opened as all parties prepare for an election that could be triggered as early as next week — either over next Tuesday's budget or a Liberal confidence motion.

No federal government or cabinet minister has ever been found in contempt. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Youth. Sports

▶ Gary Lunn, minister of state for sports, announces funding to support injury prevention in sports and recreation among children and youth, yesterday in Montreal.

PAUL CHIASSON/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Putting up money for noggins

Gary Lunn, minister of state for sports, announced yesterday in Montreal — where hockey head injuries have been a hot topic — that the government is committing $5 million to prevent injuries in youth sports. The two-year plan aims to promote safety and reduce preventable injuries, including concussions.

Acquitted man seeks damages

One of two men acquitted in the 1985 Air India bombings is suing federal and provincial justice officials. Ajaib Singh Bagri has filed a civil lawsuit in B.C. Supreme Court over his arrest and trial for murder in the deaths of 329 people killed in the June 23, 1985, bombing. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Bahrain in a choke-hold

Soldiers, riot police impose a 12-hour curfew and ban all movement nationwide ▶ Hospital doctors stopped from leaving or treating wounded

Soldiers and riot police in Bahrain overran a protesters' camp, imposed a 12-hour curfew and choked off movement nationwide yesterday.

Witnesses described helicopters firing on homes in a hunt for Shiites and attacking doctors treating the wounded.

The government called demonstrators "outlaws" for demanding an end to the monarchy.

The nation that once led the Middle East in entrepreneurial openness went into lockdown, its government propped up by troops from Sunni Gulf neighbours fearful for their own rule and the spread of Iran' Shiite influence. The violence left at least five people dead.

"There are many people injured, but we can't bring them to the hospital because of the travel restrictions and doctors can't come to us."
ALI MARSOUK, A RESIDENT OF THE SHIITE VILLAGE OF SITRA WHO SAID HELICOPTERS FIRED ON HOMES IN A THREE-HOUR ATTACK

The unrest that began last month increasingly looks like a sectarian showdown. The country's Sunni leaders are desperate to hold power, and majority Shiites want more rights and an end to the monarchy.

U.S. President Barack Obama called King Abdullah of Saudi Arabia and King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa of Bahrain to express deep concern over the violence.

White House spokesperson Jay Carney said Obama stressed the need for "maximum restraint."

U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton said the introduction of Gulf forces was "the wrong track."

Doctors at the country's main hospital said their facility was taken over by security forces, blocking physicians from either leaving or treating the wounded on site.

There have been moments of open anger. As overwhelmed teams treated the injured, many broke out in calls to topple the monarchy.

"We are under siege," said Nihad el-Shirawi, an intensive care doctor who said she had been working for 48 hours. "We cannot leave, and those on-call cannot come in."

Britain will send charter planes to help its citizens leave Bahrain as soon as possible, officials said. Britons were told to remain at home last night and make their way to the airport today.

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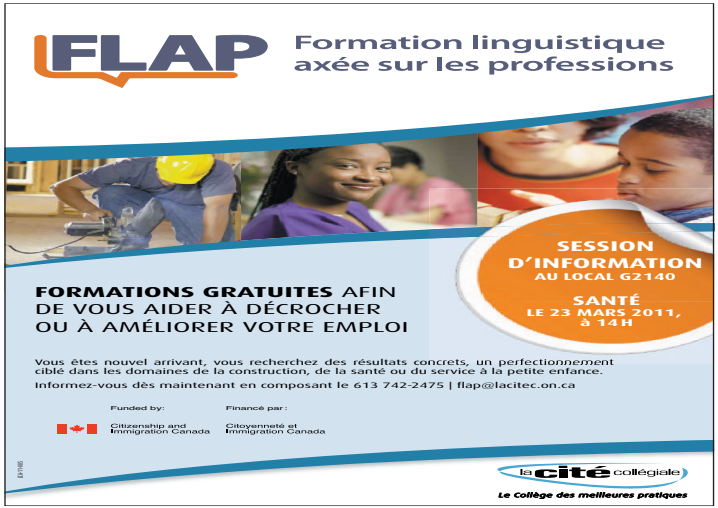
▶ Shiite youths burn tires near a shopping mall in Malkiya, Bahrain, yesterday as they brace for the anticipated arrival of government forces.



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Gadhafi's troops set to push rebels out of key city

Libyan rebels battled to hold a strategic eastern city against a punishing offensive by forces loyal to Moammar Gadhafi yesterday, voicing anger and frustration at the West for not coming to their aid.

Charred vehicles, bullet-riddled pickup trucks and an overturned tank littered the desert near the entrance to the key eastern city of Ajdabiya.

Government troops were bringing in a stream of truckloads of ammunition, rockets and supplies.

Meanwhile, the latest international effort to impose a no-fly zone over Libya stumbled along.

Supporters in the UN Security Council were trying to push through a resolution along with other measures aimed at preventing Gadhafi from bombing his people.

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International pedophile ring busted: Police

Victims between the ages of seven and 14 Online forum members could exchange abuse photos, video

Police said yesterday they have smashed a huge international pedophile ring, rescuing 230 children and arresting 184 suspects — including teachers and police officers.

The three-year investigation codenamed Operation Rescue identified and safeguarded children in more than 30 countries by arresting people suspected of abusing them, said Rob Wainwright, director of the European Union police agency Europol.

The ring was centred on an Amsterdam-based online forum called boylover.net, which Wainwright described as "probably the largest online pedophile network in the world."

The heavily encrypted forum, whose administrator appeared in a Dutch court on Tuesday charged with sex offences, had up to 70,000 members.

The investigation was led by Britain's Child Exploitation and Online Protection Centre but involved agencies as far away as Australia, the United States and Thailand.

Peter Davies of the British child protection centre said there would be more arrests.

"Those who have been members of the site can expect a knock on the door in the very near future," he said.

Wainwright said the site was designed as a discussion forum where pedophiles could "share their sexual interest in young boys." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Online bust

Most of the 184 people arrested are suspected of direct involvement in sexually abusing children.

- **Those arrested include** teachers, police officers and scout leaders.
- **One individual involved** in youth camps is suspected of abusing some 100 children over five years.

Italy. Spicy

Marcin Konieczka grinds black peppers to spice up a "bunga bunga" pizza at the A Modo Mio restaurant in Warsaw, Poland, yesterday.

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'Zaa politically peppered

Pizza ingredients with sexual double meanings in Italy and Poland offer a satirical commentary on Italian leader Silvio Berlusconi, who's accused of paying for sex with a minor and trying to cover it up.

Italian leader uses age to deny sex scandal

Italian Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi has sat down with the enemy, telling an opposition newspaper that he is too old to have had all the sexual encounters he is accused of by prosecutors.

The 74-year-old faces trial in Milan next month over charges he paid for sex with a Moroccan minor and used his influence to try to cover it up. In court documents, prosecutors have identified 33 women, including the Moroccan teenager, who allegedly prostituted themselves during parties at Berlusconi's villa near Milan.

"Even though I am a little brat ... 33 girls in two months seems like too much even for a 30-year-old," the prime minister said in an interview published in La Repubblica.

"It's too much for anybody," he said. He insisted he has a girlfriend, whose identity is a secret, who would have "ripped my eyes out." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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▶ A decorated cake depicting Prince William and his fiancée, Kate Middleton, is seen in London yesterday.

Wedding gift of giving

▶ Prince William and Kate Middleton are asking for donations in lieu of presents ▶ Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary among chosen charities

What to get the couple who has everything? How about a donation to a rhino sanctuary — or an offer of help for earthquake victims in New Zealand.

Prince William and Kate Middleton yesterday became Britain's first royal couple to request charitable gifts in lieu of presents, seeking to pre-empt the tide of extravagant — and unusual — offerings that typically flood in for a royal engagement.

The palace said the couple was "touched by the goodwill shown them," and selected 26 charities to benefit from a special charity gift fund.

Their decision to forego toasters, gravy boats and candlesticks sets William and Middleton apart from other soon-to-be newlyweds and even the prince's parents, whose use of a wedding gift registry, replete with items such as a gourmet barbecue set and pair of Cockatoos, was slammed by the press as "a vulgar, middle-class custom."

William and his bride-to-be are said to be determined to make sure their April 29 wedding is not seen as overly ostentatious at a time when the British economy is hurting.

The charities they have selected — including the Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary — represent a range of issues. Donations can be made by visiting www.royalweddingcharityfund.org.

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Another option

An Ottawa-based online gift registry company is giving Canadians the chance to celebrate the royal wedding in the name of charity.

- **Wedding Republic** will be using a gift registry in the couple's honour to collect donations for The Foundation of Prince William and Prince Harry.
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Canada calls for drastic changes to family courts

One upcoming change to the family law system is Canada's first integrated domestic violence court

Putting families in crisis through the adversarial court system has been likened to pouring gasoline on a fire, but while many agree change is needed, ideas about how to achieve that vary wildly.

Ontario, which has the largest court system in Canada, has been chipping away at family law reform in recent years, notably by implementing 17 unified family courts, which bring various family law processes and services under one umbrella.

But that progress has stalled, and Ontario Attorney General Chris Bentley lays the blame at Ottawa's feet.

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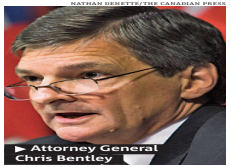

▶ Attorney General Chris Bentley

"It's the federal government that's the hurdle, to be blunt, because I can't do it," Chris Bentley said in an interview.

In 33 Ontario jurisdictions that don't have unified family courts people must go to two separate courts to resolve family issues, which doesn't make a lot of sense, Bentley said.

"I'd love us to unify them all ... The federal government has to allow unified courts and they've just stopped doing that. So they'll have to explain why. Most people want them," he said.

A spokeswoman for the Department of Justice said the unified family court is an "interesting" model that exists across Canada, but the federal government has no immediate plans to establish more.

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Hockey. Fight

▶ Prime Minister Stephen Harper announces a $50-million government investment for the Quebec City airport yesterday in Quebec City. At the announcement, Harper vigorously defended his decision not to fund a new hockey arena, saying the federal government hasn't historically been a significant financer of sports stadiums.

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Skating away from arena funding

After stickhandling carefully around the issue for months, Prime Minister Stephen Harper skated into Quebec City and blasted the idea of using federal funding for a new hockey arena. It marked a new stance for a governnment that claimed to be considering the idea. That definitive tone signalled Harper's intention to put the sensitive debate behind him before the next election. Quebec City is strategically important to his Conservatives and the lack of federal action had already angered the popular local mayor. Harper called arena funding the wrong thing to do. "There is not a desire to change that across the country. In fact, there is a lot of opposition to it."

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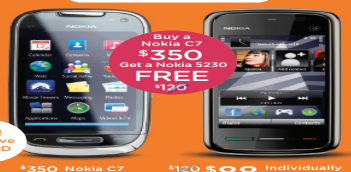

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COMING UP ROSES

Steadfast growth ahead: TD

The Canadian economy will overcome any effects from the crisis in Japan and expand faster than was expected a few months ago, TD Bank predicts.

The bank's new forecast has the economy growing strongly in the first half of this year and slowing in the latter half. For the year, TD expects the economy will expand by three per cent, half a point more than its previous estimate and 0.6 percentage points higher than the Bank of Canada's projection. The growth will be most prominent in Newfoundland and the Prairies, but Ontario's economy will also rise by 2.9 per cent, TD says.

TD's sunnier outlook stems from the strong 3.3 per cent growth in the fourth quarter.

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Xoom versus iPad: Tablet smackdown

Motorola Mobility Inc. will launch a Wi-Fi-only version of its Xoom tablet computer in the U.S. for $599. The Xoom is a prominent competitor to Apple Inc.'s iPad.

The Wi-Fi-only iPad 2 with 32 gigabytes of flash memory, the same amount as the Xoom, also costs $599 US.

Both tablets have fast dual-core processors and two cameras. But the Motorola Mobility tablet runs Google Inc.'s Android software, while the iPad runs a version of the iPhone's software.

Manufacturers trying to take on the iPad have had a hard time matching the iPad's price, but that could change with the Xoom, which goes on sale March 27. There's no word yet of a Canadian release date.

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Apple kid-proofs iTunes purchases

Parents dinged hundreds of dollars for wagonloads of Smurfberries

Apple Inc. has changed how purchases inside iPhone and iPad games are authorized after customers complained that their children were racking up hundreds of dollars in charges.

The issue was that after a user entered his or her iTunes password on a device, the device didn't prompt for the password again for 15 minutes. Any purchases went through without a new password prompt. This meant that parents who handed over their iPhones or iPads to their children were sometimes shocked by large bills for Smurfberries and other virtual bling.

After complaints from parents, the U.S. Federal Trade Commission looked into the issue. With the iOS 4.3 software update, Apple devices have one 15-minute password-free timer for the App Store and iTunes, and a separate one for in-app purchases.

The parents who complained received refunds from Apple for the inadvertent purchases.

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Market moment

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ACHING FOR SUMMER'S FIRST SWEET KISS

He says ...

JOHN MAZEROLLE

For a country that's in one hemisphere, Canada sure seems bipolar sometimes.

We're the only country in the world proud to be humble. We puff out our chests at our democratic values but sulk like children when it's time to vote. And here's the big contradiction this time of year: We embrace the myth of the lone and rugged, snow-loving Canadian outdoorsman, while we actually ache for the sweet kiss of summer.

If our schoolbooks and Roll Up The Rim commercials are to be believed, then we should be out in the wilderness right now, starting fires by knocking caribou antlers together and portaging our pemmican with the other voyageurs. In truth, the only survivor skills most know is that if you're stuck in a blizzard you should use your lightsaber to cut open your Tauntaun.

We spend the whole winter in shopping malls. We curse every snowfall except the first one and, if we're feeling the spirit, a light dusting before Christmas.

We can't handle winter and, in fact, act each year like we've never seen it before, rushing headlong into car accidents, heart attacks and that hilarious fall where you do a Russian kick dance before you hit the ground. If you do it right, your briefcase opens and the pages of your annual report go everywhere.

This seasonal amnesia sounds like classic denial to me — perhaps brought on by Post-Traumatic Snow Disorder.

"This seasonal amnesia sounds like classic denial to me ..."

And now comes spring, but not soon enough. Weather patterns differ across the country — Vancouverites will be laughing so hard at Halifax by mid-April that foamed milk will come out their nose — but right now everybody is in the same boat: The temperature dances about in the single digits and everybody stares mournfully at the sky.

The street is filled with season-pushers, dressed in skirts and light jackets, hoping that if we all dress like it's warm we might actually fool Mother Nature.

We like to criticize young people because, once it's 5 C, we can find guys outside bars wearing little more than cologne, alongside women in short skirts, whose length of exposed leg provides a quick measurement on The Likelihood Of Bad Life Decisions.

But in truth we're all in the same boat, dressed suggestively for Mother Nature and hoping she might give us a little somethin' somethin' to remember her by.

When it finally warms up, we can then, and only then, embrace our outdoorsman image. Unless there are insects. Then we'll be inside.

Read more of John Mazerolle's columns at metronews.ca/hesays

Cartoon

2011: A Space Odyssey

Worth mentioning

The first humanoid robot ever launched into space is finally free.

Astronauts at the International Space Station unpacked Robonaut Tuesday, 2½ weks after its arrival via shuttle Discovery. NASA broadcast the humanoids unveiling ceremony yesterday.

American Catherine Coleman and Italian Paolo Nespoli pried off the lid of the robot's packing box, as though they were opening a coffin. TV cameras showed lots of foam inside, but no robot.

"It's like unearthing a mummy," radioed a payload controller at Marshall Space Flight Center in Hsv, Ala.

"Well, at least the mummy would be here," Coleman replied. "We just have an empty box where Robonaut is supposed to be."

Robonaut — also known as R2 — was spotted a minute later in front of a work station.

"I'd like to introduce you to the newest member of our crew," Coleman said.

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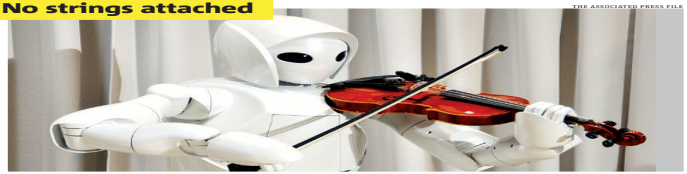
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"We're going to see what Robonaut can do."

The payload controller asked if R2 was related to HAL, the sinister computer with artificial intelligence from the 1968 film 2001: A Space Odyssey.

"Since we found him already controlling the space station, we're sure that he is related to HAL. But we'll see," Coleman said.

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Metro Minute with Irish storyteller

Have a mythic St. Patrick's Day at the National Arts Centre as the Ottawa Storytellers present On The Heels Of The Hound on the centre's Fourth Stage.

Join Irish scealaí (mythteller) Clare Muireann Murphy as she follows in the footsteps of Cuchulainn, the Hound of Irish mythology, to ancient Ireland. Here warriors leap with blinding frenzy and shape-shifters blur the line between this world and the ever-so-close otherworld.

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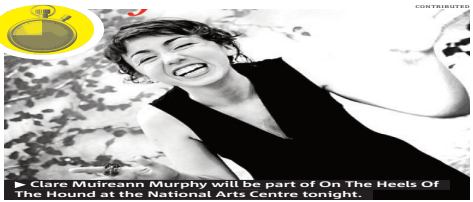
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► Clare Muireann Murphy will be part of On The Heels Of The Hound at the National Arts Centre tonight.

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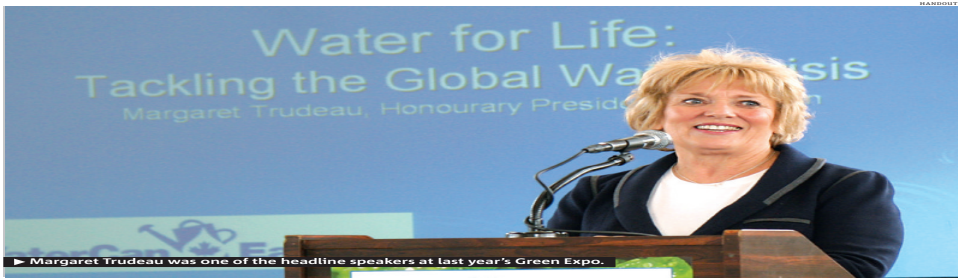

Margaret Trudeau was one of the headline speakers at last year's Green Expo.

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Everything you need to know to go green will be on display at Landsdowne Park this weekend at the 3rd Annual Green Expo.

Tanya Williams, Strategic Media and Promotions Planner for National Event Management, the creators of The Green Expo, explains how it all started.

"We wanted to create a show that gives back to the community, that educates and informs and we came up with the Green Expo," Williams says. "It's really been a great way for local businesses to get exposure because there are so many businesses in Ottawa that are green."

One of last year's headlining speakers was Margaret Trudeau. This year, other big names like Gillian Deacon and Dr. Rick Smith will be making appearances.

"We have a lot of really great speakers lined up for this year. And most importantly, we're bringing in some really fantastic children's entertainment," says Williams.

Juno Award nominated Bobs and LoLo from Treehouse TV will be on hand to teach kids about being green. And, there's going to be a lot of hands on things for the little ones as well.

In lieu of admission fees, organizers are asking that you make a donation to WaterCan, a Canadian charity for clean water projects, in celebration of World Water Day on March 22.

Event details

Green Expo. The 3rd Annual Green Expo runs from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Sunday at Landsdowne Park in the Aberdeen Pavilion. For more info, go to ottawagogreenexpo.com

Scene in brief

CBC personality George Stroumboulopoulos is joining a roster of international stars using their fame to bring attention to world hunger. The late night TV host announced Tuesday that he will serve as an ambassador against hunger for the United Nations World Food Program.

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Elvis Week to feature concert with virtual Elvis; Sam Phillips movie, vigil also scheduled

Catch a local star on the rise

This Saturday night, you've got a chance to check out one of the city's most talented and well-rounded young musicians.

Ottawa's own Julia Dales is a beatboxer, singer-songwriter and guitar player. She started playing guitar and beatboxing when she was just six years old. Now, she has over four million views on YouTube, she also won the 2009 Online World Beatbox Competition.

Julia Dales is opening for Nova Scotia's Kevin Fox, who just released his third album, Set Right.

What: Kevin Fox feat. Julia Dales
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Life without limits

As in his new movie, Limitless, actor and hunk Bradley Cooper is discovering just how far he can go

▶ Bradley Cooper is a struggling writer in Limitless.

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There have been rumors that Bradley Cooper scored five million dollars to star in the sequel to his breakout film, The Hangover, but you honestly wouldn't know it, given his fondness for freebies.

When we caught up with him while he was promoting his new film, Limitless, he was lounging on a couch in the Trump Soho Hotel with a backpack by his feet. The logo on the bag looked familiar. We asked if it was from one of his other recent films.

"The A-Team? Yeah, I love it. It's the greatest. You wanna see it?" Cooper says, excitedly pulling it over so that we can take a look at the military grade sack with the logo from last year's summer blockbuster, in which Cooper also starred, emblazoned on the front.

"All I wear is stuff from movies," he confesses of the free promotional items from major studio films like, well, almost every film he's been in lately.

This time Cooper is the leading man in Limitless, as a struggling writer who suddenly becomes a power player once he stumbles on a drug that allows him access to his brain's fullest potential.

The immediate success that the fictional drug, NZT, brings his character in the film to mirror Cooper's own fast shot to fame, though he did so without any kind of chemical aid. We had to ask: do the most famous actors and actresses become successful because they're truly the best at what they do?

"Isn't it like what Oprah said? Luck is opportunity meets preparation," Cooper says.

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Ne-yo blames album slump on being distracted

Ne-Yo's first three albums were Grammy Award-nominated, platinum successes. His latest effort, Libra Scale, could still be up for a Grammy next year, but it's miles away from reaching platinum status.

Since its November release, the disc has sold only 277,000 copies, according to NielsenSoundScan, which tracks music sales. The CD's singles — Beautiful Monster, Champagne Life and One In a Million — failed to crack the Top 40.

Ne-Yo says when recording Libra Scale, he focused more on the music videos instead of dedicating time to the songs.

"It's just that I didn't get to pay as much attention to the music as I normally would because I was so focused on the story line that the album is based off of," said Ne-Yo, who co-directed the video clips with Wayne Isham. "There was so much energy put into that, that when it came time to put the music together, you know, for one there wasn't as much time and for two there wasn't as much energy."

The 31-year-old hit songwriter says he's already begun work on a new album, to be released in September.

"I'm stepping back to where it's just about the music," he said. "I'm going to let it be just about that, and you determine your own story from there."

Ne-Yo appears in the alien invasion sci-fi film Battle: Los Angeles, which hit No. 1 at the box office over weekend with a $35.6 million debut. He filmed the movie over the summer, when he also was working on Libra Scale.

"You know I was kind of back and forth with (both projects)," he said. "It's almost impossible to take the amount of focus to shoot a film like this and the amount of focus it takes to put an album together and do them at the same time.

I won't say that was why the Libra Scale album didn't do as well as I expected it to, but I will say it had a lot to do with me not being able to pay as much attention to the process of putting together the Libra Scale album."

Ne-Yo said he was mainly attracted to the role in Battle: LA, about a Marine platoon fighting aliens intent on colonizing Earth, because it didn't require him to use his musical talents. But that didn't come without challenges.

"The cool thing about a lot of the actors is that everybody kind of wanted to do their own stunts," said Ne-Yo, who plays Cpl. Kevin Harris in the movie.

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▶ Ne-Yo says his next album will be more focussed.

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▶ Celine Dion has a new Las Vegas stage show.

Dion ready to re-conquer Vegas

Celine Dion has returned to the Las Vegas stage in a parade of sparkly dresses with thigh-hit slits, a stage full of trumpeters, violinists and drummers, and a special appearance by Stevie Wonder.

The French-Canadian crooner sang the romantic opuses that made her an international star, including My Heart Will Go On and It's All Coming Back to Me Now, in her encore performance Tuesday night at the Colosseum at Caesars Palace. She also shared a pre-recorded duet with Wonder to his Overjoyed.

"Was that neat or what?" Dion asked the concert hall of more than 4,000 people as a hologram of Wonder faded from the stage.

A lot is riding on this sequel performance. Dion, who gave birth to twin boys nearly five months ago, is tending to an expanded family while trying to mirror or surpass her previous success in a city that has yet to pry itself free from the embrace of a brutal recession.

The new three-year production pays tribute to Old Hollywood, with a 31-person orchestra dressing the stage, including an entourage of guitarists, backup singers, drummers and a pianist, all clad in black tuxedos and gowns.

Gone are the Cirque du Soleil-style dancers and theatrics that saw Dion harnessed to a cable and flown in the air during her previous, five-year stint at the Colosseum that ended in 2007.

"From Michael Jackson to James Bond to Mr. Pagamini, it's so different, and it's so classy, and it's fun," Dion told The Associated Press before the show. "Different flavour. Different colours of music."

The new show is poised to become another hit, Caesars Palace President Gary Selesner said. Ticket purchases have so far exceeded the pace of sales for A New Day, and executives expect the French-Canadian singer to drive convention business, room rentals, travel to Las Vegas, room rates and restaurant sales.

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Chesney aims for perfect tour

Country music star has been one of the most bankable touring artists of the past decade

Goin' Coastal tour kicks off today in Florida

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▶ Kenny Chesney is set to start his 41-stop concert tour.

Kenny Chesney isn't happy with what he's seeing on the video screen.

He's been watching it while singing a song during a rehearsal for his Goin' Coastal tour and it just doesn't snap. He gives instructions over the sound system to personnel at the back of the warehouse space where Chesney and his crew have been at it for several weeks.

"I want the picture to change every time he hits the snare drum — BAP! BAP! BAP! BAP! BAP!" he says while air hammering an imaginary kit.

A little later, his seven-piece band stumbles a bit and Chesney tells the group, "We've got to get that intro down." He worries over what he's going to say to the crowd at certain key moments, crafting and discarding drafts as he goes. "I'm glad you're here. You can help me with this," he tells a small group of record label executives and media.

This is Chesney in lockdown mode. With just a few rehearsals left till his tour kicks off today in West Palm Beach, Fla., Chesney was agonizing over every detail.

"There's a lot of mixed emotions for me right now because I'm for the first time seeing everything we've worked so hard on come together," Chesney said. "And I'm very happy about that. But on the other hand it's not all together yet so it's the thing that keeps me up at night when I'm preparing to do this."

The attention to detail is what has made Kenny Chesney one of the most bankable acts in the touring business, regardless of genre. Since 1999, Pollstar figures show he has sold more than 8.8 million tickets and grossed more than $460 million. Only the Dave Matthews Band has sold more tickets over the last decade and only Matthews and Celine Dion have grossed more.

Chesney took the year off the road in 2010 to concentrate on his lauded new album — Hemingway's Whiskey and to make three films — a 3-D concert movie and two documentaries about football. With his return to touring, he's bringing along Uncle Kracker and Billy Currington to open his arena shows; the Zac Brown Band will join them on 11 stadium dates throughout the summer.

Chesney says this year's show will be leaner than previous productions.

"But I feel like it's better," he said. "I feel like musically it's better and that visually it's really, really good and we've been working on that a long time. So it's very exciting to get to do what I love to do again, you know, and to feel that energy and to be that person up on stage. It's an unbelievable feeling to feel all those people focus energy right on you, and us as a band we can feel that. There's no feeling like that anywhere."

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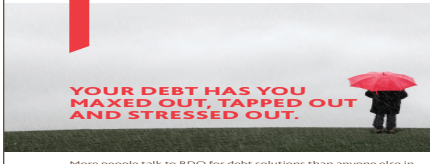
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Wedding date soon for Reese

- Plans to wed fiancé Jim Toth at her California ranch
- Ceremony is planned for next week

Reese Witherspoon is reportedly hard at work putting the finishing touches on a private wedding for herself and fiancé Jim Toth, according to Radar Online.

And it's happening soon. The secret ceremony, which will be held on her Ojai, Calif., ranch, is reportedly set for March 26.

"Candles and flowers will be everywhere, in white and pastels, for an intimate feeling," sources say of the planned event. Witherspoon and Toth will tie the knot in front of about 100 guests, sources say.

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▶ Reese Witherspoon

Celebrity tweets

Elizabeth Banks [@Elizabeth Banks] I just crossed three lanes of traffic because I spotted some girl scouts and I've been dying for Samoas. Got em!

Patton Oswalt [@patton oswalt] I've asked for so many packs of Saltines from this bartender I'm amazed he hasn't called the Hobo Police.

Jessica Alba [@jessicaalba] heading back to the big apple 4 a quick trip. need a late night restaurant suggestion. got any?

Bob Saget [@bobsaget] Having lunch with my mother. She had the chicken salad. And this is the story of how I fed my mother...

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Pattinson stays on the move

Robert Pattinson has been raking in the dough for his work in the Twilight franchise, but he still hasn't been able to settle down. "I'm afraid of buying a house or anything because if there's one paparazzo outside for one day, then they'll never leave," he tells Vanity Fair.

"The best way to deal with it is to move around all the time." Of course, Pattinson has to deal with stalkers as well as photographers.

"It is weird. You have to wonder — what do they want? I can't really understand it even now," he says of his more obsessed fans.

"It does have an angle, which is attached to something quite primal in girls. I guess people want it to define them, like, 'I'm a Twilight fan,' That's crazy to me."

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Selena Gomez: Not easy dating Bieber

Selena Gomez admits that dating Justin Bieber can be difficult, thanks to his overzealous fans and their tendency to lash out online.

"It's hard," she says during an interview with radio station Z100 in New York.

"It does hurt my feelings a lot, but I try not to focus on it."

But at least Gomez understands where they're coming from, having been there herself.

"I will say that I agree with them sometimes," she says. "I loved Jesse McCartney. I was obsessed with him. He dated Katie Cassidy when he was 16 or 17. I hated her — absolutely hated her. I was mortified that he was with Katie and I wanted to be with him. He was my screen saver!"

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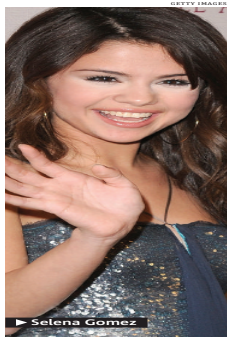

▶ Selena Gomez

Katie Perry's mom plans to write tell-all memoir

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Katy Perry's mom, Mary Hudson, is writing a tell-all book detailing how her daughter's fame has impacted her life, according to the New York Post.

"This memoir is her story, in her own words. Mary and Keith Hudson have been Christian Evangelists long before the world ever heard of Katy Perry," a source explains.

"Amid a torrent of negative reports from magazines and entertainment shows, Mary Hudson wants to tell 'her story' and dispel a lot of rumours. Katy's success has impacted her ministry in both negative and positive ways."

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▶ Justin Timberlake

Justin wanted split for a while: Source

Though he just recently split from Jessica Biel, Justin Timberlake reportedly was ready to end it a while ago, according to Us Weekly.

"He hasn't been happy with Jessica for close to two years," a source tells the magazine.

"You'd be surprised at how soon the love was lost on this one.

"Justin said he was miserable."

Timberlake and Biel dated for four years.

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Meet Mr. Jay, with Attitude

- Top Model's Jay Manuel is pairing with Sears to create his debut womenswear collection, Attitude
- He dishes about the brand, his nerves and his bold return home to the North

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How did Attitude take shape?

For the longest time people told me I should be doing a clothing line and I always said it would have to be the right time, the right place, the right retailer. Sears Canada came to me and it felt like the right fit. Honestly, there was a nostalgic feeling for me – shopping at Sears as a kid. For me it was just creating a first collection that represented strength, while still being feminine.

Describe the woman who will love your line?

Somebody who wants to look fashionable and stylish but isn't concerned with being overly trendy. There are those trendy

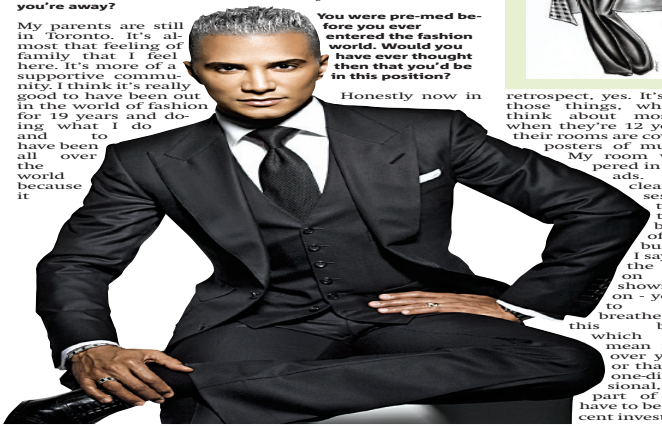
pieces that you know are just going to last one season. For the most part I wanted to create that classic style with a little bit of a different perspective on it.

Many celebrities who lend their name to a line merely endorse it. Because you're taking on such an involved role in the design and fabrication of Attitude, are you nervous to debut it at LG Fashion Week?

I wasn't nervous until very recently. I had already started designing the set – I'll let you know there are going to be some surprises at the show, some familiar faces – and of course when I cast girls I'm looking for girls with really strong walks. I was fine with the process because I've done it so many times for so many designers and for Fashion Week in New York. But then when I came here and realized we were starting this process and people are telling me, 'Oh this or this person is going to be there,' that's when the nerves hit. But I have total confidence that the pieces are great.

You've travelled across the world. What do you miss most about Canada when you're away?

My parents are still in Toronto. It's almost that feeling of family that I feel here. It's more of a supportive community. I think it's really good to have been out in the world of fashion for 19 years and doing what I do and to have been all over the world because it toughens you up. But when you come back to a place like this where you're showing your collection, it's a place of nostalgia, as if you're a kid. When you come here it's an abrupt change and you can't help thinking This is real in a very different way.



You were pre-med before you ever entered the fashion world. Would you have ever thought then that you'd be in this position?

Honestly now in retrospect, yes. It's one of those things, when you think about most kids when they're 12 years old their rooms are covered in posters of musicians. My room was papered in fashion ads. I was clearly obsessed then. I think to be a part of this business – I say this to the girls to on the shows I work on - you have to live, breathe and eat this business which doesn't mean it takes over your life or that you're one-dimensional, to be a part of it you have to be 150 per cent invested in it.

3 life

Canadian couture

Fashion comes to the capital

The country's capital will showcase the latest in fall/winter collections at Ottawa Fashion Week. The three-day event will take place at the National Gallery of Canada from March 18 to 20, featuring designs from homegrown and international designers. Luxury jewelry brand Micalla, Toronto-based womenswear designer Rachel Sin and self-taught designer Adrian Wu are among those presenting their collections.
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PRADA'S pretty, lady-like looks

1 Miuccia Prada's autumn collection had a '60s-flavoured, lady-like prettiness to it that made an interesting contrast to the bold, in-your-face work she showed last season (the banana print and striped skirts you're seeing all over the magazines right now). Simple dresses with large, round gold buttons segued into printed belted versions with brightly coloured grids followed by a quirkily pretty series of frocks embellished with sheer, pastel-coloured paillettes that are sure to be a retail hit.

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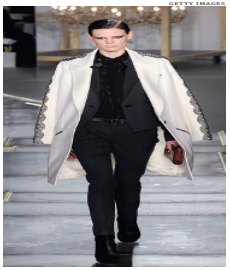
MARC JACOBS'S trippy dots

2 Are polkadots the new stripes? The always directional Marc Jacobs took a stiff right turn away from the easy, floaty wind-machine dresses he showed last season. His new collection was about more structured looks in futuristic silhouettes with loads of circle-shaped sequins, paillettes and latex appliqués. That means you can pretty much guarantee that the season's trend for shiny, shimmery looks will be fairly huge next fall.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JASON WU'S cool take on embellishments and tailoring

3 Autumn/winter 2011 is going to be all about the details, from the crystal embroidery on an otherwise modest blouse to a strip of lace running down the sleeves of a coat to the floral appliqués on a simple, body-sculpting dress. Jason Wu's collection, which had all three, was one of the best examples of this trend. His clothes also fell right in line with the mannish tailoring trend, which will also be huge for fall.

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ALEXANDER WANG'S tough and sporty sweater dresses

4 If last season was a shaky departure from the trademark, much loved look he calls Models Off Duty, this collection was a return to his usual too-cool-for-school form. The show had all of the Wangisms we've grown to love. His trademark tough and sporty sensibility was in full effect. But there was a more mature, sophistication to the clothes too.

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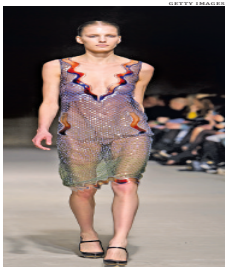
FENDI'S plays on texture

5 Karl Lagerfeld's collection with its subtle sense of English countryside chic was one of the best of Milan Fashion Week. And his play on texture, mixing ribbed knits with tweed, fur and wool, can be recreated with items from your own wardrobe. Things to lust after from this collection included his shaggy patchwork coats in fox, lamb and chinchilla (some of the best furs shown all season), his trapeze shaped jackets, ribbed skirts and tights, and blouses with ruffled flourishes at the neckline — basically, everything.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CHRISTOPHER KANE'S plastic dresses

6 Designers often look for new and interesting ways to experiment with textiles. Christopher Kane pushed boundaries by creating leather tops dyed and printed to mimic the crochet knit skirts and cardigans they were worn with. But the real standouts were his dresses and clutch purses made out of plastic filled with squishy technicolor liquid, like the toys you played with as a kid. He also used the plastic as decorative accents on tailored trousers and knit dresses.

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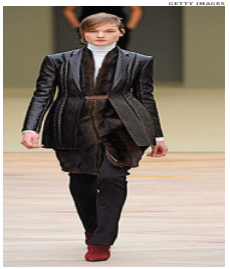
GIVENCHY'S leggy skirts

7 Riccardo Tisci, who sits at the top of the list of designers rumored to replace John Galliano at Christian Dior, showed a seductive collection centered around the Fifties pin-up girl. But instead of taking the literal approach and showing skin-tight bustier dresses, he created leggy skirts with transparent panels that revealed a flash of thigh. It was the smart girl's version of sexy dressing. Louis Vuitton created a similar look, honing in on the balsas vixen. They looked like they had walked right out of an erotic B-movie.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CELINE'S real-life friendly furs

8 Phoebe Philo pushed her minimalist theme forward with a clever mix of texture and fabrics. The best example of this came with her trim leather jackets layered over longer fur coats. It made for a slim, sleek look that would work well in real-life. We've seen a lot of dramatic looking animal skins this month but Philo's idea seemed like one of the freshest and most realistic ways of wearing it. Because how many of the season's massive furs would work on your morning commute?

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CHLOE'S slouchy wide-leg trousers

9 Imagine the Seventies feeling of Chloé's fall '10 collection combined with the lightness of its spring '11 collection, with a lot of python prints and leather mixed in. That's the direction Hannah MacGibbon took her clothes in for fall, updating and refining the easy, breezy look she's become known for.

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ALEXANDER McQUEEN'S otherworldly coats and suits

10 If there were any lingering doubts about Sarah Burton's ability to lead the Alexander McQueen house into a future without it's namesake, all were laid to rest this collection. After a week of clothes-overshadowing John Galliano scandal and gossip, her fantastical, couture-like suits and gowns came as a reminder of what Paris fashion looks like at it's best.

Most awkward front row sighting

Alicia Keys looking unusually stiff, sitting straight as a board, beside Anna Wintour at the Alexander Wang show.

The Supers return

Marc Jacobs wins the prize for starriest catwalk with Kate Moss, Naomi Campbell, Carolyn Murphy, Carmen Kass and Karolina Kurkova all walking the runway for his Louis Vuitton show.

IF THE CLOTHES COULD SING

The music always sets the tone for the clothes. We've rounded up some of the most memorable songs we heard at the shows. Pop these in your iPod..

- Christopher Kane — Reviewing the Situation, by Sandie Shaw
- Vivienne Westwood — Ventriloquizzing, by Fujiya, Miyagi
- Michael Kors — Native New Yorker, by Odyssey
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Being trendy without breaking the bank

Karl Lohnes tells you how to decorate creatively ▶ **Simple solutions like slip covers make all the difference**

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In the old days our parents would look in a store window or a catalogue and buy the entire living room or bedroom set as they saw it; the mixing and matching was done for them and they were guaranteed a "pulled together," trend-setting room.

It surprises me that today, people buy only what they see in a showroom or online and don't bother asking about custom options. For about the same amount of money and just a few weeks wait, you can have the room of your dreams by customizing furniture, lamps, draperies and rugs to a style and colour that personally suits you.

The more you make something your own, the longer you will like it and the prouder you will be.

There's a new generation that wants affordability and flexibility when it comes to choosing their own furniture; and they want it at a fair price. More and more stores are offering custom choices when ordering furniture. Next time you're at a furniture store, consider the asking the following questions.

Can I change the fabric?

Most often the retailer has a huge array of fabrics to choose from; what you see on the furniture in their store is how they have ordered it. Don't be afraid to ask about changing a fabric choice to something more suited to your taste.

Urban Barn, a large Canadian furniture retailer with more than 40 stores in Canada offers 350 fabric choices, cushion styles and wood stains for their upholstered furnishings.

Are there wood stain options?

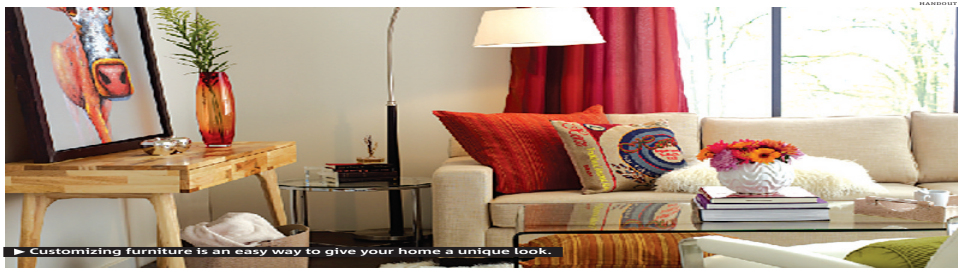
The most popular wood colour of the moment is dark espresso stain. It's been around for six to eight years and retailers often choose it for their showroom models as they are comfortable selling it.

Trends are changing and lighter wood tones are coming back in style. In particular, medium walnut stains and driftwood-coloured wood.

If you have cherry-wood kitchen cabinets and want a consistency with a wood table then ask the retailer if they sell your favourite table in a cherry-type stain.

Can the cushion fillings be changed?

Comfort in a sofa lies in its size and in the type of cushions. If a sofa is long enough to lie down on yet has hard-foam cushions then it won't be very comfortable. A puffy-type cushion is usually a piece of foam wrapped in a layer of cotton baton or goose-down feathers. This gives support when you sit, with the cushy feeling. For a very modern sofa the cushions are often all foam in order to give a clean-lined look to the cushions.



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▶ Customizing furniture is an easy way to give your home a unique look.

Fabric

- Not all good fabrics are the most expensive. Fabric with a mix of synthetic fibres is good. They are often more durable and resist fading in the sun. Deep greys or patterned brights in accent seating are a trend right now.
- If you are not looking for new furnishings you can still customize your space by slip-covering your upholstered furniture in humble fabrics like linen or washed denims.
- Refinish an old cabinet with a grey stain or paint it a bright eye-popping colour. Die old drapes with an over-saturated fashionable colour (like turquoise or cranberry) to add a dramatic look to your room.
- The best brown stain colour to choose for the legs of a sofa is dark walnut. It will blend nicely with everything no matter what the trends.

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Say goodbye to 'nail pops'

Don't blame the construction, as these things happen and they're not that hard to fix

DIY IDEAS

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Did you buy a newly-constructed home about a year ago and are just now noticing ugly "nail pops"?

They probably weren't there when you moved in. And they are not (usually) a symptom of shoddy construction.

It's just that all newly-built houses go through a settling process. That's when these things appear.

What to do?

You can call your builder, sure. They may come and repair those suckers for you. But they don't legally have to. Because under Ontario's New Home Warranty Program, ordinary nail pops are not covered.

So do you have to hire an expensive drywall guy to fix them?

No, you can fix them yourselves. Here's how.

First, locate all your nail pops by shining a lamp at an angle to the wall. Start by screwing in a new drywall screw adjacent to the popped one.

Make sure you screw it in until it bends — but does not break — the surface of the wall.

Then use a nail set or a heavy-duty nail to hammer the offending screw back below the surface.

Now apply some pre-mixed drywall compound with a six-inch drywall knife. Scrape it flat. Sand it with fine-grit sandpaper and repeat. On the final sanding, try to get everything as smooth as possible.

Now you're ready to paint. With luck, you asked the builder for the exact colour code of the paint.

Or if you were really smart, you asked the builder, when you moved in, to leave you with a little bit of that exact paint.

If that didn't happen (it probably didn't) at least know the paint chip code.

You may not get a perfect match unless you repaint the whole wall, but it will still look better than that unsightly nail pop.

To get professional instruction on everything to do with drywall, sign up for our Drywall Essentials course at biyworkshops.com.

We'll give you insider tips on creating a perfect, paint-ready finish for every wall you build or repair.

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► Kristi Hansen is sharing her reno know-how on the new W Network series Homewreckers.

Focus on the practical before the pretty

Turning your basement into a cosy home theatre or your bathroom into a minispa oasis is the stuff renovation dreams are made of. Replacing roofs and side panelling? Not so much.

Some homeowners may find it difficult to forgo transforming part of their dwelling into a space befitting their renovation fantasies.

But take it from Kristi Hansen, who has forged a career taking on virtually every renovation project imaginable: it's best to put cosmetic changes on the back burner rather than ignore other areas in dire need of repair.

However, given the choice, people often opt to do the opposite.

"It's patchwork-quilt renovating, and it's also desperately seeking out a zone to love because you're surrounded by this house that you're not loving," she said by phone from Vancouver.

"Of course everyone wants the sexy things fixed and looking great — 'Yeah, look at my kitchen.' But what about the structural integrity of your home?"
KRISTI HANSEN

Hansen has notched nearly two decades of experience under her tool belt as a tradesman, plumber, Class B gas fitter and mentor.

She opened her plumbing and renovation company, Vancouver-based Pretty Plumbing Co., in 2004, which she shuttered after the birth of her first son, Alistair, to focus on her family.

Now a mother of two, the 38-year-old is in the process of restarting her business.

In the meantime, she can be seen on the small screen doling out advice and sharing her know-how on Homewreckers, which premieres Tuesday, March 22 at 8:30 p.m. ET on W Network. During the series, which is filmed in locations throughout B.C.'s Lower Mainland, Hansen said she is troubleshooting on the spot and gets no advance notice of issues in a given home.

She said homeowners are surprised by the little things she notices, such as a tiny water spot signalling a roof in need of repair.

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Corned Beef & Potato Pancakes

Potato latkes, traditionally served at Hanukkah, are the inspiration for these potato patties. Shreds of corned beef along with a pickled cabbage topping are added as a tribute to Ireland.

Preparation:

1. In a bowl, combine cabbage and creme fraiche. Transfer to serving bowl; set aside.
2. In a small bowl, whisk together flour, salt, pepper and baking powder. Set aside.
3. In a bowl, combine potatoes, onion, corned beef, egg whites and reserved flour mix. Mix well to make a batter that is loose but holds together well, adding flour if necessary.
4. In a skillet over medium-high, heat 1 cm (/2 inch) of oil.
5. Working in batches and using about 50 ml (1/4 cup) of batter per pancake, drop into oil, leaving several centimetres between pancakes. Flatten slightly with the back of spatula. Fry, turning once, 2 to 3 minutes per side. Remove to a paper-towel lined platter. Serve immediately with pickled cabbage creme fraiche.

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Ingredients:

- 250 ml (1 cup) pickled cabbage
- 125 ml (1/2 cup) creme fraiche or sour cream
- 125 ml (1/2 cup) all-purpose flour (approx.)
- 5 ml (1 tsp) kosher salt
- 5 ml (1 tsp) black pepper
- 1 ml (1/4 tsp) baking powder
- 1 l (4 cups) thawed frozen shredded potatoes
- 250 ml (1 cup) finely chopped sweet onion
- 150 g (1/3 lb) thinly sliced corned beef
- 3 egg whites, whisked until frothy
- Vegetable oil, for frying

St. Patty's Day — it's about more than beer

Irish cuisine, such as hearty stew and potato pancakes, steals the spotlight

DINNER EXPRESS

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This traditional Irish stew, packed with potatoes and lamb, gets thrown into the slow cooker for easy preparation.

Preparation:

1. Sprinkle both sides of lamb chops with half of the salt and pepper. Brown lamb all over, in batches, in skillet over medium high heat. Place in slow cooker. Add water to skillet and bring to boil scraping up brown bits. Pour liquid into slow cooker.

Ingredients:

- 3 lbs (1.5 kg) lamb leg or shoulder chops
- 1 tsp (5 mL) salt
- 1/2 tsp (2 mL) pepper
- 1/2 cup (125 mL) water
- 3 onions, chopped
- 2 large carrots, chopped
- 2 tbsp (25 mL) Italian parsley
- 1 tbsp (15 mL) dry thyme
- 2 cups (500 mL) beef or chicken stock
- 2 1/2 lbs (1.25 kg) Ontario potatoes, peeled and cubed
- 2 tbsp (25 mL) butter
- 2 tbsp (25 mL) all purpose flour

2. Return skillet to medium heat and cook onions, carrots, parsley, thyme and remaining salt and pepper for about 8 minutes. Scrape into slow cooker. Add stock and potatoes. Cover and cook on Low for 8 hours or until lamb is tender.
3. In bowl, mash together butter and flour until combined. Uncover cooker; stir butter mixture into stew and cook on high for 20 minutes.

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DOWN ON THE FARM

"SORRY, BUT I DON'T MISS WINTER!"

Former Vendange Institute instructor and FoodMode Magazine editor, Allyson Bycraft, is now working at a winery on California's Central Coast. After teaching and writing about wine for many years, she's thrilled to finally be living it, working as a cellar hand at the acclaimed Babcock Winery, and writing about the experience.

What prompted you to leave Ottawa? Things in my personal and professional life in Ottawa were wrapping up, and my 50th birthday was looming. I needed an adventure.

Why California? I had been thinking of wine regions all over the world, and had kind of settled on Italy, despite being daunted by the language barrier. Then, I happened to spend a few days in the Santa Barbara area while on holiday and just fell in love with the wine and the feel of the place.

Why Babcock Winery? I researched the area online while looking for a place to work and was impressed with Bryan (Babcock) and his role as one of the pioneers of the region and particularly of the Santa Rita Hills AVA, known for its world-class Pinot Noir.

What's the best thing about the culinary scene in California? Year-round farmers' markets make my heart go pit-a-pat. Locally grown avocados and citrus are a gift from heaven!

What do you miss about Ottawa? I do miss the seasonality of the cuisine, though. Great stews and soups taste especially good on a freezing Ottawa winter's day, to the point where they really nourish the soul and sustain you until spring. Comfort food is wasted on Californians—they like their soups on the odd chilly, rainy day in winter, but, really, they can still barbecue right through the season.

If I only had $100, I would buy at Vintages

- LCBO offers new vintages bi-monthly at affordable prices
- Discover lesser known wine regions in Spain, Portugal & Australia

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The wines of Spain and Portugal, will be well stocked on the shelves at LCBO Vintages this Saturday. When I tasted these featured wines, I found some incredibly intense flavourful wines that had remarkably low price tags. On the flip side, the high end iconic wines of California including such legends as Opus One, Dominus, and Caymus Special Selection Cabernet Sauvignon – definitely for cellaring for a special occasion. From this group, a personal favourite is Paul Hobbs Cabernet Sauvignon. I had the opportunity to meet him and learn about his winemaking philosophy emphasizing the importance of showcasing the wine's terroir.

In addition to these features, there are wines from Ontario's great 2007 vintage that will wow you, some tasty Shiraz from Australia, a great Cabernet/Carmenère blend from Chile. An embarrassment of riches, but I've stayed within (just) the self-imposed limit of $100 for a shopping spree at Vintages. Cheers!

Cistus Reserva 2007, DOC Douro, Portugal – $18.95 (Vintages #145052) 14.5% alcohol. A dry, medium full bodied red blend made from grapes typically used for making port wine – perfect with a hearty stew.

Leira Albariño 2009, DO Rias Baixas, Spain – $17.95 (Vintages #115816) 13.0% alcohol. A hard to find wine that is refreshing with tantalizing floral, citrus and stone fruit notes – bring on the seafood.

East Dell Sauvignon Blanc 'Reserve'2009, VQA Niagara Peninsula, Ontario – $17.95 (Vintages #222174) 12.5% alcohol. Vibrant, fresh and tangy, with appealing grassy, fruity aromas – will melt away thoughts of winter.

Inniskillin 'Winemaker's Series Montague Vineyard' Pinot Noir 2007, VQA Niagara Peninsula, Ontario – $24.95 (Vintages #997353) 13.0% alcohol. An impressive, well-crafted Pinot Noir with lovely aromas of earth, spice and berry.

The Watcher 2008, Barossa Valley, Australia – $19.95 (Vintages #219196) 14.5% alcohol. An outstanding Shiraz loaded with dark berry flavour, spice and pepper.

Grand Total: $99.75

Happy St. Patrick's Day – Slainte

For more than 250 years Guinness has been the most distinct "toasting device" on March 17th and it may be the "perfect pint!" It's instantly recognizable for it's deep ruby red, almost black, colour with creamy white head. You can even draw a decorative shamrock or some other creative bartender signature on top while thoughtfully pouring a pint in the recommended 119.5 seconds. It pairs well with most foods - breakfast, lunch and dinner – while standing very well on its own.

At a 4.2% alcohol content, it is low in calories, rich in iron and has storied restorative qualities - even being prescribed by doctors in hospitals. On its own, it has velvety rich smoothness with a mild roast, slightly bitter flavour, but it can be carefully poured into a glass with Cider (Black Velvet), Lager (Black & Tan), Ale (Black & Tan) or even liquor. I highly recommend adding a shot of Smirnoff Vanilla Vodka, Three Olives Triple Bean Espresso Vodka or Chambord Raspberry Liqueur to have a completely new taste profile.

It may very well be Ireland's most important export (sorry Bono!) and thankfully the Guinness we get here in Canada comes right from Dublin's famous St. James Gate Brewery. While celebrating all that is great about the Irish culture – the drink, the food, the music, the dance and the "craic" that makes Irish pubs so much fun at this and all times of the year – I leave you with this simple toast - Slainte! (pronounced slawn-cha) which is Gaelic for "to your health!"

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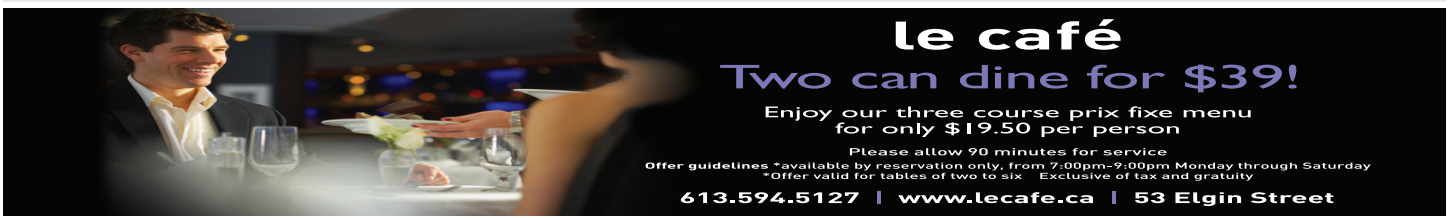

Avoiding The Hangover

Tricks and tips for recovering from over-indulgence

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Whether you are a "wolf-pack of one" or taking Shane MacGowan and his entire clan out to the pubs, you will want to celebrate responsibly and avoid waking up tomorrow with a head the size of an anvil - so adhere to these simple but helpful rules. Hangovers are like reverse party karma - a reminder that you had too much fun the day before - typically occurring due to dehydration caused by drinking too much (one of life's big mysteries to be sure) but they are largely avoidable – or at minimum their evil effects can be reduced. Here are some helpful hints:

1
REST
Be at the top of your game. Get a good night's sleep the night before you go out, so you have plenty of energy to make it to last call.

2
PACE YOURSELF
Don't over do it - a full day drinking session is more like a marathon than a sprint, so pace yourself accordingly.

3
WATER, WATER, WATER
Drink plenty of water while you are out and be sure to eat regularly to maintain your energy and help absorb the booze.

4
SWEAT IT OUT
Dancing and singing will also slow down your drinking and help you sweat out some of the booze. The activity also creates a side effect known as "good times!"

5
DON'T BE AN IDIOT
Play nice - never drink and drive - and be kind to friends both new and old. Nothing makes a hangover more unbearable than the knowledge that you were an "ijiot" the night before, adding to the list of people you need to apologize to.

6
MORE REST
Before you go to bed, make sure that you brush your teeth, drink another couple litres of water and maybe pop in an aspirin or two. Ensure that you have left yourself some extra time for sleep as rest is one of the biggest and best healers in the battle against illness.

7
MORE WATER
When you wake up, drink plenty more water, eat a full and hearty breakfast (bacon and sausage are tried-and-true champions on the road to recovery) and again take aspirins if needed.

8
GRIN AND BEAR IT
Put a smile on your face. No one wants to hear about how terrible you feel. After all, you did this to yourself!

Lights, Camera, Animals!

Ottawa Humane Society and FurBall 2011 Honorary Chair Laureen Harper roll out the red carpet on Saturday, March 26th at the 7th annual FurBall gala. This sensational fundraising event is in support of Ottawa's animals – all funds raised ensure continuing care for lost, abandoned and neglected animals in our community. It will be a fun-filled and glamorous celebration where Ottawa becomes Hollywood-north for one glittering night, under the stars in the Great Hall of the National Gallery of Canada.

The event features extraordinary cuisine by KW Catering, including a mouth watering trio of desserts – profiterole stuffed with vanilla cream and raspberry coulis, opera cake with chocolate Grand Marnier sauce and green tea crème brulée on a Chinese spoon with fresh berries.

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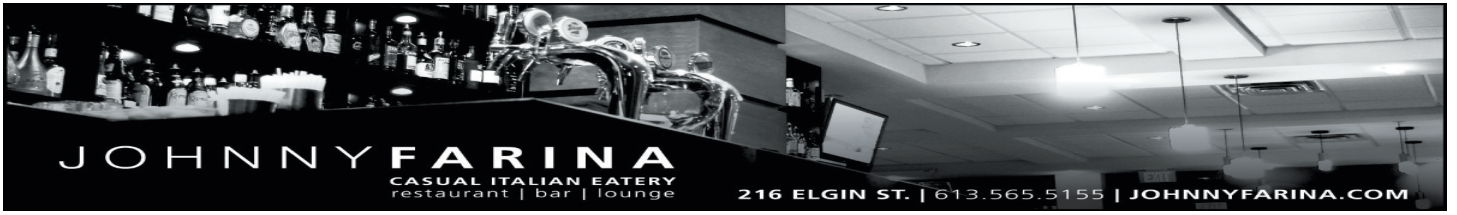

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Senators preview

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Centre Travis Zajac will play in his club-record 389th straight game for New Jersey (33-32-4). Zajac is currently tied with former Devils defencemen Ken Daneyko for the club's iron-man streak. Zajac has played in every game since October 26, 2006.

Ottawa (25-36-9) has lost two straight and comes into the contest last overall in the Eastern Conference. But the Senators have won two of three meetings this season against New Jersey, including a 2-1 decision in their most recent game versus the Devils on March 8.
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Sens pair give a glimpse of future

Late-round picks Greening and Condra raising eyebrows in Ottawa

The Ottawa Senators are rebuilding and it's two projects that are playing a big part in the retooling right now.

When the season began, forwards Colin Greening and Erik Condra, a pair of seventh-round draft choices from 2005 and 2006, respectively, weren't expected to become regulars in the Senators' lineup.

After a gloomy year in Ottawa, they've emerged as bright lights as the club plans for the future.

"The opportunity that we've gotten is one you didn't expect, but you've got to take advantage of it," Condra said yesterday.

Greening and Condra were both recalled from Binghamton of the American Hockey League last month as the exodus of veterans began.

Injuries to Peter Regin and Daniel Alfredsson have opened the door for the pair.

"It's a great opportunity for a bunch of us young guys," Condra said. "I know there's not going to be as many spots next year as there are right now, but hopefully some of us have put ourselves in a position where they have to take a serious look at us for next year."

Condra, a 24-year-old from Trenton, Ont., was the 211th selection in the 2006 draft after his freshman season at Notre Dame. He spent three more years with the Fighting Irish before moving on to Binghamton last season.

"To be able to get some games up here was the furthest thing on my mind. I'm really surprised and very happy with how the year has gone."
OTTAWA FORWARD COLIN GREENING

In 14 games the six-foot, 188-pound right-winger has four goals, including two game-winners, and two assists.

Greening, a 25-year-old from St. John's, has skated on a line with Jason Spezza and fellow call-up Bobby Butler.

Ottawa selected him 204th in 2005 out of Upper Canada College. He played four seasons with Cornell before joining Binghamton in the fall.

In 14 games, Greening has two goals and four assists.

"It's been a real positive experience and I'm fortunate enough to get on a line with Jason Spezza," Greening said. "He's given me a lot of advice and that's really helpful, especially when you're new on a team."

The six-foot-three, 211-pound left-winger started the year on Binghamton's fourth line, and he's now on Ottawa's first.
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▶ Colin Greening and Erik Condra are among the players that have Senators owner Eugene Melnyk optimistic a turnaround in Ottawa may not take as long as initially feared.

NHL pushing for video reviews of high sticks

After dedicating two days to making the game safer to play, the NHL's general managers wrapped up their annual meetings by discussing how to get more calls right on the ice.

During yesterday's session, hockey operations requested the use of video review to look at four-minute high-sticking calls. It garnered some support among the GMs and will be examined again when they meet in June.

"The whole thing makes me nervous as far as the time of game."
LEAFS GM BRIAN BURKE ON ADDING MORE VIDEO REVIEW

Double minors for high-sticking are assessed when a player is cut by an opponent's stick — something that isn't as easily detected in real time.

It appears the biggest issue is whether a video review would be triggered by referees, a coach's challenge or automatically with every double minor for high-sticking assessed.

Another topic raised was the use of spin-o-ramas in the shootout. The moves will continue to be allowed, but goals will only count if the puck doesn't stop at all during the attempt.
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Sports in brief

NFL tightening up rulebook

NFL. The NFL will be more aggressive in suspending players next season for illegal hits, and also could make changes to instant replay and kickoffs.

Ray Anderson, the league's chief disciplinarian, said yesterday repeat offenders or those who deal out flagrant illegal hits will have a greater chance of being suspended. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Braves official loses eye

MLB. Atlanta minor-league manager Luis Salazar has lost an eye after he was hit in the face by a foul ball during spring-training.

Braves GM Frank Wren said yesterday doctors couldn't save Salazar's left eye. The 54-year-old was standing on the top step of the dugout during a March 9 game between the Braves and St. Louis. He was unable to get out of the way and fell headfirst back into the dugout.
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	GP	W	L	OTL	SL	GF	GA	Pts	Home	Away	Last 10	Strk
d-Philadelphia	69	43	19	4	3	222	184	93	21-10-2-2	22-9-2-1	4-4-2-0	W1
d-Washington	71	41	20	5	5	193	173	92	22-8-2-5	19-12-3-0	9-1-0-0	W9
d-Boston	69	39	21	4	5	208	166	87	16-12-3-2	23-9-1-3	6-3-1-0	W1
Pittsburgh	71	41	22	5	3	206	172	90	22-12-2-0	19-10-3-5	5-2-3-0	W2
Tampa Bay	71	39	22	4	6	210	211	82	22-9-3-4	17-13-1-2	4-4-1-1	W1
Montreal	70	38	25	4	3	186	176	83	21-9-3-3	17-16-1-0	7-3-0-0	L1
NY Rangers	71	37	30	2	2	204	194	78	21-17-1-2	21-13-1-0	6-4-0-0	W2
Buffalo	70	34	28	7	1	203	202	76	15-16-2-1	19-12-5-0	5-3-1-1	L1
Carolina	71	34	29	5	3	198	212	76	18-12-2-2	16-17-3-3	5-2-3-0	L1
Toronto	71	31	30	5	5	187	219	72	16-14-3-4	15-16-2-1	4-3-2-1	W1
New Jersey	69	33	32	3	1	190	175	70	17-15-2-1	16-17-1-0	5-4-0-1	W3
Atlanta	70	29	29	5	7	196	226	70	14-14-2-5	15-15-3-2	4-4-1-1	L1
Florida	70	28	33	5	4	175	194	65	14-15-3-4	14-18-2-0	3-5-2-0	L1
NY Islanders	71	27	33	6	5	197	229	65	16-14-1-4	11-18-5-1	4-2-3-1	L2
Ottawa	70	25	36	5	4	158	220	59	11-19-2-3	14-17-3-1	5-5-0-0	L2

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	GP	W	L	OTL	SL	GF	GA	Pts	Home	Away	Last 10	Strk
d-Vancouver	71	46	16	4	5	233	167	101	24-7-1-4	22-9-3-1	8-2-0-0	W6
d-Detroit	69	41	20	5	3	227	199	90	18-11-3-2	23-9-2-1	4-4-1-1	W2
d-San Jose	71	40	23	4	4	203	186	88	18-11-2-3	22-12-2-1	5-3-0-2	W1
Los Angeles	70	40	25	3	2	196	170	85	20-11-2-0	20-14-1-2	7-2-1-0	W4
Phoenix	71	37	23	7	4	206	203	85	17-13-4-2	20-10-3-2	4-4-1-1	W3
Chicago	70	38	24	5	3	232	197	84	22-14-0-0	16-10-4-3	7-1-1-1	W1
Dallas	70	37	25	3	5	196	199	82	19-11-2-4	18-14-1-1	5-3-2-0	L2
Calgary	72	36	27	3	6	217	207	81	21-12-1-3	15-15-2-3	5-4-0-1	L3
Nashville	70	35	25	6	4	179	165	80	17-8-4-3	18-18-1-1	4-4-1-1	L1
Anaheim	69	37	27	2	3	195	202	79	21-12-1-1	16-15-1-2	5-4-1-0	L1
Minnesota	70	35	28	2	5	178	188	77	17-13-1-3	18-15-1-2	3-6-1-0	L3
Columbus	69	32	27	4	6	190	209	74	16-13-3-3	16-14-1-3	2-4-1-3	L1
St. Louis	69	31	29	4	5	193	207	71	20-12-1-3	11-17-3-2	4-6-0-0	L1
Colorado	68	26	34	7	1	191	239	60	14-17-4-0	12-17-3-1	1-8-0-1	L8
Edmonton	70	20	38	3	7	172	233	50	11-17-2-5	9-21-1-2	4-5-1-0	L4

d — division leaders ranked 1-2-3 regardless of points; a team winning in overtime or shootout is credited with two points and a victory in the W column; a team losing in overtime or shootout receives one point which is registered in the OTL (overtime loss) or SL (shootout loss) column.

Tonight's results
Toronto 3 Carolina 1
Washington at Detroit
Colorado at Vancouver
St. Louis at Anaheim
Tuesday's results
Pittsburgh 5 Ottawa 1
Washington 4 Montreal 2
Phoenix 4 Calgary 3
Carolina 1 Buffalo 0
New Jersey 4 Atlanta 2
N.Y. Rangers 6 N.Y. Islanders 3
Boston 3 Columbus 2 (SO)
Philadelphia 3 Florida 2
Los Angeles 4 Nashville 2
San Jose 6 Dallas 3
Tonight's games
Philadelphia at Atlanta, 7 p.m.
Detroit at Columbus, 7 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Montreal, 7:30 p.m.
New Jersey at Ottawa, 7:30 p.m.
Toronto at Florida, 7:30 p.m.
Boston at Nashville, 8 p.m.
Chicago at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.
Colorado at Calgary, 9 p.m.
Phoenix at Edmonton, 9 p.m.
St. Louis at Los Angeles, 10:30 p.m.
Minnesota at San Jose, 10:30 p.m.
Tomorrow's games
Washington at New Jersey, 7 p.m.
Montreal at N.Y. Rangers, 7 p.m.
N.Y. Islanders at Carolina, 7 p.m.
Phoenix at Vancouver, 10 p.m.

MAPLE LEAFS 3, HURRICANES 1

First Period
1. Carolina, LaRose 13 (Bra.Sutter, Gleason) 12:24 (pp)
2. Toronto, Phaneuf 6 (Brent, MacArthur) 19:01 (pp)
Penalties — Crabb Tor (elbowing) 3:06, Boyce Tor (hooking) 11:43, Allen Car (elbowing) 18:40.
Second Period
3. Toronto, Phaneuf 7 (Kessel) 10:51 (pp)
4. Toronto, Bozak 12 (Boyce, Phaneuf) 11:03
Penalties — LaRose Car (delay of game) 0:33, Bra.Sutter Car (hooking) 10:45, Brent Tor (interference) 14:54, Schenn Tor (hooking) 17:04.
Third Period — No Scoring.
Penalty — Boyce Tor (roughing) 1:31.
Shots

Toronto	6	9	4	–19
Carolina	12	10	15	–37

Goal — Toronto: Reimer (W,1st-7:4); Carolina: Ward (L,29-24-9). **Power plays (goals-chances)** — Toronto: 2-3; Carolina: 1-5.
Referees — Tom Kowal, Francois St. Laurent.
Linesmen — Steve Barton, Darren Gibbs.
Att. — 15,220 (18,680) at Toronto.

TUESDAY

COYOTES 4, FLAMES 3

First Period
1. Phoenix, Stempniak 15 (Fidler, Pyatt) 8:25
2. Calgary, Jokinen 15 (Bourque, Kiprusoff) 18:02
Penalty — Jokinen Cal (hooking) 13:52.
Second Period
3. Phoenix, Belanger 12 (Korpikoski, Doan) 6:11
Penalties — Engelland Pgh, Lessard Ott (misconduct) 14:10, Smith Ott (roughing) 15:03, Bupp Pgh (goaltender interference) 15:41.
Shots

Pittsburgh	13	14	14	–41
Ottawa	6	5	11	–22

Goal — Pittsburgh: Johnson (W,10-5-3); Ottawa: Anderson (L,19-19-3). **Power plays (goals-chances)** — Pittsburgh: 0-5; Ottawa: 1-4.
Referees — Marc Joannette, Frederick L'Ecuyer, **Linesmen** — Brad Kovachik, Tim Nowak.
Att. — 19,249 (19,153) at Ottawa.

CAPITALS 4, CANADIENS 2

First Period
1. Washington, Johansson 10 (Wideman, Holtby) 1:06 (pp)
2. Montreal, Moen 5, 1:26
3. Washington, Knuble 16 (Alzner, Carlson) 13:23
Penalties — Plekanec Mtl (hooking) 0:46, Bradley Wash, Mara Mtl (fighting) 1:48, Sturm Wash (hooking) 10:20, Sloan Wash (hooking) 16:42, Hamrlik Mtl (interference) 18:09, Brouwer Mtl (interference) 18:17.
Second Period
4. Montreal, Scottitsyn 17 (Eller, Subban) 3:28
Penalty — Moen Mtl (holding) 11:32.
Third Period
5. Washington, Johansson 11 (Ovechkin) 6:43
6. Washington, Knuble 17 (Sturm) 16:53 (pp)
Penalties — Knuble Wash (hooking), Wisniewski Mtl (holding stick) 3:08, Sturm Wash (hooking) 14:42, Eller Mtl (interference) 15:00.
Shots

Washington	16	17	8	–41
Montreal	12	7	8	–26

Goal — Washington: Holtby (W,9-2-2); Montreal: Price (L,33-23-6). **Power plays (goals-chances)** — Washington: 2-5; Montreal 0-3.
Referees — Dean Morton, Brad Watson. **Linesmen** — Greg Kryworski, Jonny Murray.
Att. — 21,273 (21,273) at Montreal.

SCORING LEADERS

	G	A	PT
D.Sedin, Vcr	38	52	90
Stamkos, TB	43	43	86
H.Sedin, Vcr	16	68	84
St. Louis, TB	26	57	83
Perry, Ana	36	39	75
Ovechkin, Wash	28	46	74
Kopitar, LA	25	47	72
Toews, Chi	30	41	71
Zetterberg, Det	18	51	69
Sharp, Chi	34	34	68
Iginla, Cal	30	38	68
Crosby, Pgh	32	34	66
B.Richards, Dal	25	40	65
C.Giroux, Phila	22	43	65
Kesler, Vcr	36	28	64
E.Staal, Car	29	34	63

Last night's games not included

CRICKET

WORLD CUP

GROUP A

	MP	W	T	L	NR	Pt
x-Australia	5	4	0	1	0	8
x-New Zealand	5	4	0	1	0	8
x-Pakistan	5	3	0	1	1	7
Sri Lanka	5	3	0	1	1	7
Zimbabwe	5	1	0	4	0	2
England	5	0	0	5	0	0
Canada	**6**	**1**	**0**	**5**	**0**	**2**

GROUP B

	MP	W	T	L	NR	Pt
x-South Africa	5	4	0	1	0	8
India	5	3	1	1	0	7
West Indies	5	3	1	1	0	7
Bangladesh	5	3	0	2	0	6
England	5	2	1	2	0	5
Ireland	5	1	0	4	0	2
Netherlands	5	0	0	5	0	0

x — clinched berth in quarter-finals.
Yesterday's result
At Bangalore, India
Australia (212 from three wickets) def. **Canada** (211, all out) by seven wickets.
Today's match
At Chennai, India
England vs. West Indies

MLB

SPRING TRAINING

Yesterday's results
Toronto 5 Pittsburgh 3
Atlanta 4 Boston 3
Minnesota 4 N.Y. Mets 3
Houston 8 Washington 7
St. Louis 9 Detroit 4
Tampa Bay 6 Florida 3
San Francisco 5 Chicago White Sox 3
L.A. Angels at Arizona
Baltimore at N.Y. Yankees
Colorado at Milwaukee
Kansas City at Cincinnati
Milwaukee at Seattle
Today's games
All times Eastern
Toronto at Phila. (Clearwater, Fla.), 1:05 p.m.
NYM at Boston (Fort Myers, Fla.), 1:05 p.m.
Baltimore at Phila. (Bradenton, Fla.), 1:05 p.m.
Minnesota at Det. (Lakeland, Fla.), 1:05 p.m.
Florida at St. Louis (Jupiter, Fla.), 1:05 p.m.
Cleve. at Cincinnati (Goodyear, Ariz.), 4:05 p.m.
CWS (ss) at Milwaukee (Phoenix), 4:05 p.m.
Chicago Cubs at Oakland (Phoenix), 4:05 p.m.
Arizona at LAD (Glendale, Ariz.), 4:05 p.m.
CWS (ss) at Colorado (Scottsdale, Ariz.), 4:10 pm
Wash. at Atlanta (Kissimmee, Fla.), 6:05 p.m.
Tampa Bay at NYY (Tampa, Fla.), 7:05 p.m.
Seattle at S.F. (Surprise, Ariz.), 9:05 p.m.
Texas at San Diego (Peoria, Ariz.), 10:05 p.m.
LAA at San Fran. (Scottsdale, Ariz.), 10:05 p.m.

BASKETBALL

NCAA MEN'S TOURNAMENT

All times Eastern

FIRST ROUND
Last night's results
Texas-San Antonio (19-13) vs. Alabama State (17-17)
Southern Cal (19-14) vs. Virginia Commonwealth (23-11)
SECOND ROUND
Today's games
At Tampa, Fla.
West Virginia (20-11) vs. Clemson (22-11), 12:25 p.m.
Kentucky (25-8) vs. Princeton (25-6), 30 minutes following
At Washington
Butler (23-9) vs. Old Dominion (27-6), 12:40 p.m.
Pittsburgh (27-5) vs. UNC Asheville (20-13), 30 minutes following
At Tucson, Ariz.
Florida (26-7) vs. UC Santa Barbara (18-13), 6:50 p.m.
UCLA (22-10) vs. Michigan State (19-14), 30 minutes following
At Denver
Brigham Young (30-4) vs. Wofford (21-12), 7:15 p.m.
St. John's (21-11) vs. Gonzaga (24-9), 30 minutes following
At Tucson, Ariz.
Wisconsin (33-1) vs. Belmont (30-4), 7:27 p.m.
Kansas State (22-10) vs. Utah State (30-3), 30 minutes following
At Denver
Louisville (25-9) vs. Morehead State (24-9), 1:40 p.m.
Vanderbilt (23-10) vs. Richmond (27-7), 30 minutes following
At Tucson, Ariz.
Temple (25-7) vs. Penn State (19-14), 2:10 p.m.
San Diego State (32-2) vs. Northern Colorado (21-10), 30 mins. following
At Washington
Connecticut (26-9) vs. Bucknell (25-8), 7:20 p.m.
Cincinnati (25-8) vs. Missouri (23-10), 30 minutes following

NBA

CONFERENCE GLANCE

All Times EDT

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Boston	48	18	.727	—
y-Chicago	48	18	.727	—
x-Miami	46	21	.687	2½
Orlando	42	26	.618	7
Atlanta	39	29	.574	10
New York	34	33	.515	14½
Philadelphia	34	33	.507	14½
Indiana	29	39	.426	20
Charlotte	29	40	.420	20½
Milwaukee	26	40	.394	22
Detroit	24	43	.358	25
New Jersey	22	43	.338	25½
Toronto	18	47	.277	30½
Washington	16	50	.242	32
Cleveland	12	53	.185	35½

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
x-San Antonio	54	13	.806	—
d-L.A. Lakers	48	20	.706	6½
Dallas	47	20	.701	7
d-Oklahoma City	43	23	.652	10½
Denver	41	27	.603	14
Portland	38	29	.567	16
New Orleans	39	30	.565	16
Memphis	37	31	.544	17½
Utah	35	33	.515	19½
Phoenix	33	32	.508	20
Houston	34	34	.500	20½
Golden State	30	37	.448	24

d — division leader; **x** — clinched playoff berth; **y** — clinched division.
Last night's results
Detroit 108 Minnesota 93
Denver 102 Atlanta 87
Boston 93 Indiana 80
Orlando at Milwaukee
Phoenix at New Orleans
Oklahoma City at Miami
Charlotte at Houston
Minnesota at Utah
Cleveland at Sacramento
Dallas at Golden State
Philadelphia at L.A. Clippers
Tuesday's results
Atlanta 110 Milwaukee 85
Indiana 119 New York 117
Chicago 103 Washington 79
Portland 104 Dallas 101
Tonight's games
All times Eastern
Chicago at New Jersey, 7 p.m.
Memphis at New York, 7:30 p.m.
Cleveland at Portland, 10 p.m.

SKIING

WORLD CUP

At Stockholm
MEN'S CROSS-COUNTRY
One-kilometre classical-style sprint
1. Emil Joensson, Sweden, 2 mins 11.2 seconds; 2. Petter Northug, Norway, 0.7 seconds behind; 3. Ola Vigen Hattestad, Norway, 1.5; **Final World Cup Sprint Standings** (final after 11 races)
1. Emil Joensson, Sweden, 580 points; 2. Ola Vigen Hattestad, Norway, 407; 3. Jesper Modin, Sweden, 300
Overall World Cup Standings
(after 22 of 31 events)
1. Dario Cologna, Switzerland, 1,367 points; 2. Petter Northug, Norway, 894; 3. Daniel Rickardsson, Sweden, 829; **8. Devon Kershaw, Sudbury, Ont., 576; 10. Alex Harvey, St-Ferréol-les-Neiges, Que., 460.**
WOMEN'S CROSS-COUNTRY
One-kilometre classical-style sprint
1. Petra Majdic, Slovenia, 2:28.4; 2. Marit Bjoergen, Norway, 2.8 seconds behind; 3. Maiken Caspersen Falla, Norway, 4.0
World Cup Sprint Standings
(final after 11 races)
1. Petra Majdic, Slovenia, 480 pts; 2. Arianna Follis, Ita., 434; 3. Kikkan Randall, U.S., 427
Overall World Cup Standings
(after 27 of 31 events)
1. Justyna Kowalczyk, Poland, 1,789 points

TENNIS

ATP-WTA BNP PARIBAS OPEN

At Indian Wells, Calif.
Yesterday's results
Men's Singles — Fourth Round
Tommy Robredo (25), Spain, def. Sam Querrey (21), U.S., 6-1, 6-3.
Juan Martin del Potro, Argentina, def. Philipp Kohlschreiber (23), Germany, 7-6 (3), 7-6 (7).
Novak Djokovic (3), Serbia, def. Viktor Troicki (16), Serbia, 6-0, 6-1.
Stanislas Wawrinka (12), Switz., def. Tomas Berdych (7), Czech Republic, 3-6, 6-4, 6-4.
Women's Singles — Quarter-finals
Marion Bartoli (15), France, def. Ana Ivanovic (19), Serbia, 6-4, 7-6 (4).
Women's Doubles — Quarter-finals
Daniela Hantuchova, Slowakia, and Agnieszka Radwanska, Poland, def. Vania King, U.S., and Yaroslava Shvedova (4), Kazakhstan, 6-3, 6-0.
Sania Mirza and Meghann Shaughnessy (8), U.S., def. Liezel Huber, U.S., and Nadia Petrova (3), Russia, 6-4, 6-3.

SOCCER

MLS

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	GP	W	L	T	GF	GA	Pt
Chicago	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Columbus	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
D.C. United	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Houston	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kansas City	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
New England	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
New York	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Philadelphia	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Toronto	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	GP	W	L	T	GF	GA	Pt
Los Angeles	1	1	0	0	3	0	3
Vancouver	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
San Jose	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Real Salt Lake	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Portland	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Dallas	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Colorado	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Chivas USA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Seattle	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

NOTE: Three points for victory, one pt. for tie.
Tuesday's result
Los Angeles 1 Seattle 0
Saturday's games
All times Eastern
Toronto at Vancouver, 6:30 p.m.
Seattle at New York, 7:30 p.m.
Chicago at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.
Philadelphia at Houston, 8:30 p.m.
Columbus at D.C. United, 8:30 p.m.
Portland at Colorado, 9 p.m.
Sporting KC at Chivas USA, 10:30 p.m.
Real Salt Lake at San Jose, 10:30 p.m.
Sunday's game
New England at Los Angeles, 8 p.m.

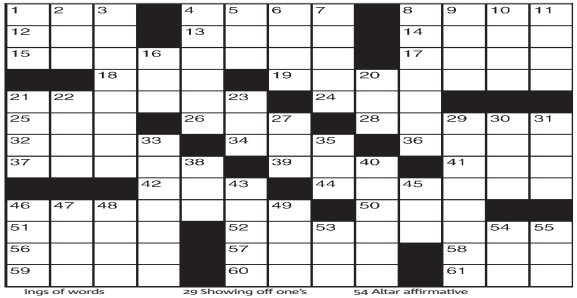
EUROPEAN CHAMPIONS LEAGUE

(Home teams listed first)
SECOND ROUND
Second Leg
Yesterday's results
Chelsea (England) 0, Copenhagen (Denmark) 0, Chelsea advanced on 2-0 aggregate
Real Madrid (Spain) 3, Lyon (France) 0, Real Madrid advanced on 4-1 aggregate

SCOTTISH CUP

Quarter-finals
Inverness 1 Celtic 2
Aberdeen 2 St Mirren 1
PREMIER LEAGUE
Dundee United 2 Hearts 0

Crossword



Across
1 Existed
4 Homeless child
8 "That was close!"
12 Candle count
13 Frizzy hairdo
14 Frost
15 Affectionate
17 Satan's specialty
18 Illustrations
19 Corrupt
21 Savings overseer
24 — generis
25 Trench
26 Flop
28 New York town named for a former senator
32 Saharan
34 Unruly crowd
36 "— Only Just Begun"
37 Mother-of-pearl
39 Bankroll
41 Lair
42 Eggs
44 Slow down
46 Carnauba plant
50 Opposed to
51 "Sesame Street" favorite
52 Huge
56 Suitor
57 West Point team
58 Gilbert & Sullivan princess
59 Unsurpassable
60 Chows down
61 Police officer

Down
1 Kids' card gams
2 Past
3 Relating to meanings of words
4 Desired
5 Sternward
6 Rainbow
7 Concentrate (on)
8 Early show
9 Apiary structure
10 Eastern potentate
11 Reminder of a whipping
16 Noah's craft
20 Crony
21 Cereal choice
22 Emanation
23 Pirates' quaff
27 Part of DJIA
29 Showing off one's learning
30 Always
31 Make one's way
33 GED candidate
35 Prevent
38 Actress Longoria
40 Rots
43 Aquarium buildup
45 Heavy weight
46 Jimmy who wrote "MacArthur Park"
47 Sheltered
48 Yuletide
49 Actress Sorvino
53 Prime meridian hrs.
54 Altar affirmative
55 Upper limit

Weekend's answer

Z	I	P	■	S	A	V	E	■	K	A	T	O
O	R	E	■	U	N	I	X	■	I	M	I	N
O	A	T	■	C	A	M	P	A	I	G	N	S
S	O	U	A	T	■	■	O	D	D	■	■	■
■	■	■	P	I	E	S	■	O	L	D	E	R
C	A	M	B	O	D	I	A	■	Y	E	T	I
A	L	I	■	N	U	L	L	S	■	L	A	P
I	A	N	F	■	G	A	M	O	M	■	L	E
F	R	I	A	R	■	S	A	N	E	■	■	■
■	■	■	T	A	T	■	■	A	W	A	I	T
C	A	M	E	M	B	E	R	T	■	W	O	E
O	D	O	R	■	A	R	I	A	■	A	W	E
D	D	A	Y	■	R	A	G	S	■	Y	A	M

Sudoku

2			8		6			5
	8		2		5		3	
		4				7		
		9	7		3	2		
6								1
		7	1		2	8		
		2				9		
	3		6		9		4	
9			5		4			3

How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3×3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

Weekend's answer

2	9	5	4	1	7	8	3	6
7	6	1	2	3	8	4	5	9
8	3	4	5	6	9	1	2	7
1	8	6	9	5	4	3	7	2
9	4	2	6	7	3	5	1	8
3	5	7	8	2	1	6	9	4
4	1	3	7	8	2	9	6	5
5	7	8	1	9	6	2	4	3
6	2	9	3	4	5	7	8	1

Send a KISS

Show some love! Send a note to somebody special at kiss@metronews.ca

To my Rock Star husband! Thank u for that awesome week in Mexico. Thank u for loving me the way u do. Thank you for being you.
XO "U KNOW WHO"

Hello B, 5 years of love and happy moments, its worth fighting for. we love each other and everything else can be resolved. Listen to your heart. **LOVE YOUR BINKX**

To Meow,
Happy Birthday! I hope I can say the same thing on your 100th birthday. This next year is yours for the making, you have such a wonderful time ahead of you no matter what you choose. Keep walking strong darlin, and I hope that our two paths intertwine so that we can be walking hand in hand. Take it easy,
YOUR MOUNTAIN GOAT

Today 9°/0° Variable
Friday 8°/–6° Showers 40%
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Today's horoscope

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Aries March 21-April 20 You are ready and willing to start something new and exciting. But be advised that if you go off too soon, your efforts may fall short of expectations.

Taurus April 21-May 21 This should be a fun day for you, even though you have a lot of work on your plate. If you've fallen behind in your schedule get your friends to help you out — they'll gladly do so if asked. Then go and have fun.

Gemini May 22-June 21 There is still time to make a good impression on someone in a position of authority. Remember: You may know what you are capable of but that does not mean that he or she will know. Speak up.

Cancer June 22-July 22 Constant changes make it hard for you to plan too far ahead but in a way that's good because you will achieve more if you react to events rather than try to initiate them. Conserve your energy — you'll need it!

Leo July 23-Aug. 23 If there is something you need to say that may not be pleasant, either for you or other people, get it over with. Once the Sun changes signs this weekend, you'll have more important things on your mind.

Virgo Aug. 24-Sept. 22 It might be wise to steer clear of areas where you are not too sure of your ground. If you cannot avoid them, make sure you know where the exits are.

Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 23 You like to pretend that your emotions are under complete control but it isn't true. Someone will try to upset you today but they will only succeed if you are not aware of what they are up to.

Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22 Cosmic activity in the work and well-being area of your chart will make this an interesting day, but everything will be OK if you stay calm and don't let anything upset your balance.

Sagittarius Nov. 23-Dec. 21 Go all out to prove that you have what it takes to succeed on the work front, but don't neglect affairs of the heart. Love can be just as rewarding as doing well professionally and financially.

Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 20 This should be a productive time for you, but for best results you must work as part of a team. Others may not be as committed or as ambitious as you but you still need them.

Aquarius Jan. 21-Feb. 18 From Sunday, life will become much more hectic, so it might be wise to conserve your energy over the next two or three days. Get plenty of rest and don't concern yourself too much with people's problems.

Pisces Feb. 19-March 20 You have nothing to prove. Once you accept that, you'll find it easier to do what you want to do rather than what others want you to do. Learn to say, 'No.'

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